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1. THAI DELEGATION TO UNCTAD MEETING HAS NOT YET BEEN NAMED. HOWEVER, DR. SERMLARD WASUWAT, DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE RUBBER DIVISION, SPECULATED TO EMBOFF ON 6 JANUARY THAT THE DELEGATION WOULD PROBABLY CONSIST OF HIMSELF, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. SERMLARD THOUGHT MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE WAS ANAND PUCHAOOM, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE BUSINESS ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT AND RESPONSIBLE PARTY WITHIN THE MINISTRY FOR UNCTAD AFFAIRS) AND TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE THAI MISSION IN GENEVA.

2. EMBOFF QUERIES OF SEVERAL OTHER THAI OFFICIALS, INCLUDING MR. ANAND, CONFIRM THAT THE DELEGATION HAS NOT YET BEEN OFFICIALLY NAMED. MR. ANAND ALSO EXPECTX THE DELEGATION TO CONSIST OF ONE REPRESENTATIVE EACH
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FROM THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND POSSIBLY ALSO ONE FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, INDICATE WHO THESE MIGHT BE. MR. ANAND THOUGHT THE DELEGATION WOULD BE FINALIZED BY 10 JANUARY AND WILL LET US KNOW ITS COMPOSITION AT THAT TIME.

3. DR. SERMLARD ALSO SAID HE EXPECTS THE THAI

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DELEGATION TO LEAVE FOR GENEVA EARLY NEXT WEEK IN
RESPONSE TO A SRI LANKAN REQUEST FOR PRIOR PRIVATE
CONSULTATIONS AMONG PRODUCER COUNTRIES BEFORE THE UNCTAD
MEETING BEGINS. DR. SERMLARD SAID THESE TALKS WOULD BE
CONCERNED WITH HOW TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO CONSUMERS THAT
THE RUBBER AGREEMENT IS NOT A PRODUCER CARTEL AND HOW
TO AVOID UNNECESSARY CONFLICTS BETWEEN NATURAL RUBBER
PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS WHO ARE ALSO SYNTHETIC RUBBER
PRODUCERS. HE SAID THE THAI GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY
PROPOSED TO IRSG SECRETARY GENERAL BATEMAN THAT THE
IRSG BE USED AS THE MAIN FORUM TO RESOLVE IN ADVANCE
ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS BETWEEN NATURAL AND SYNTHETIC
RUBBER INTERESTS AND DR. SERMLARD SPECIFICALLY ASKED FOR U.S.
SUPPORT OF THIS PROPOSAL.
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